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Select the statement that describes a half-wave dipole antenna.

State the plane of distribution of H-lines around a half-wave dipole antenna. (3)

State the plane of distribution of E-lines around a half-wave dipole antenna. (6)

Draw the voltage standing wave and the current standing wave diagram of a half-wave dipole antenna at resonance. (10)

State the type of load presented to the transmission line by a half-wave dipole antenna when the antenna is operated above its resonant frequency. (14)

State the type of load presented to the transmission line by a half-wave dipole antenna when the antenna is operated below its resonant frequency. (18)

Match the types of fields with their descriptions. (25-26)

Select the formula used to compute the power of the induction field. (28)

Select the formula used to compute the power of the radiation field. (31)

Select the diagram that represents the radiation pattern of a vertically mounted half-wave dipole antenna. (38)

Label the beam angle, the half-power points, and the point of maximum radiation on a diagram of a radiation pattern. (40)

List three types of radiation patterns. (43-45)

State the two resistances that combine to determine the input impedance of an antenna. (52)

Define polarization. (54)

antenna. (65)

18. State the method used to compensate for end effect. (69)

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energy to the medium for propagation or radiation.

An antenna is defined as a conductor or system of conductors used either to radiate or to receive electromagnetic energy. In the study of antennas, the wave dipole antenna has been established as the reference. A half-wave dipole antenna, referred to as the basic antenna, is the shortest antenna that resonates in free space.

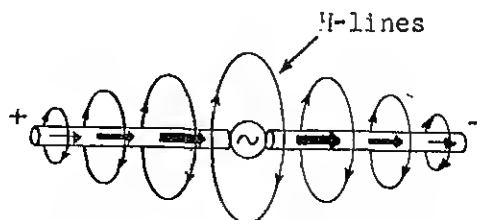
The shortest antenna that will resonate in free space is the _____ dipole antenna.

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2. The shortest antenna that will resonate in free space is the _____

ave

3. Current flow through a conductor causes a magnetic field to be built up. This field, called the H-field, is formed in a plane that is perpendicular to the antenna, as shown in the figure below.



gradually becomes weaker toward the extremities of the antenna.

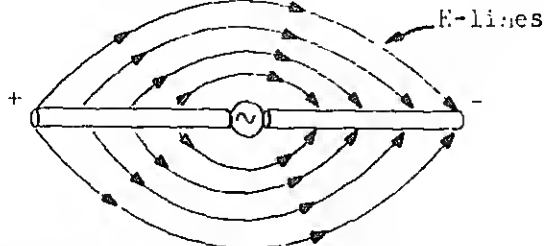
The magnetic field, or H-field, around a half-wave dipole is formed in the _____ plane
perpendicular/parallel

perpendicular

4. The magnetic field that is in a plane perpendicular to the half-wave dipole antenna is called the _____-field.

5. Select the statement that describes a half-wave dipole.
- a. The longest antenna that will resonate in free space.
 - b. The shortest antenna that will resonate in free space.
 - c. The longest physical antenna that requires a ground to operate.
 - d. The shortest physical antenna that requires a ground to operate.

6. Current flow through the conductor forms an electrostatic field along with the H-field. This electrostatic field, referred to as the E-field, is formed in the plane that is parallel to the antenna.



In the diagram above, the E-field starts at the positive end and flows toward the negative end of the conductor. The strength of the field increases at the center because of the heavy concentration of E-lines and then gradually decreases in strength as the extremity is reached.

The electrostatic field, or E-field, around a half-wave dipole antenna is formed in the perpendicular/parallel plane.

7. The electrostatic field in the plane parallel to the antenna is the _____-field.

8. The H-field has its strength at the center point of the antenna and is in the perpendicular/parallel plane.

9. Select the statement that describes a half-wave dipole antenna.

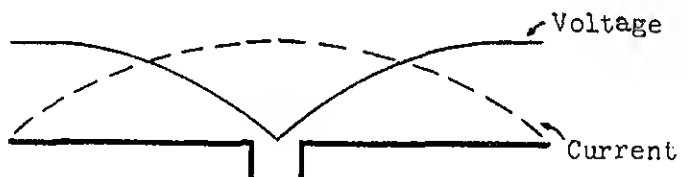
- a. The longest physical antenna that requires a ground to operate.
- b. The shortest antenna that will resonate in free space.
- c. The shortest physical antenna that requires a ground to operate.

dipole antenna are 90° out of phase. The position of the standing waves on the antenna causes the center of a half-wave antenna to appear as a series-resonance point, and the load presented to the source appears purely resistive.

The current standing wave is maximum at the center and minimum at the extremities. The voltage standing wave is minimum at the center and maximum at the extremities.

As shown below, the current and voltage standing waves are 90° out of phase on the half-wave dipole antenna.

As long as the antenna is operated at resonance, this relationship will exist.

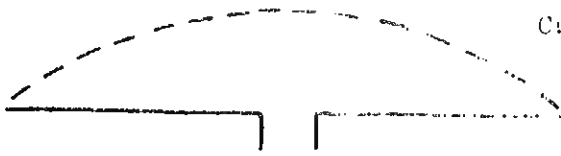
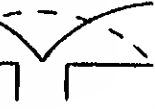


When a half-wave dipole antenna is at resonance,

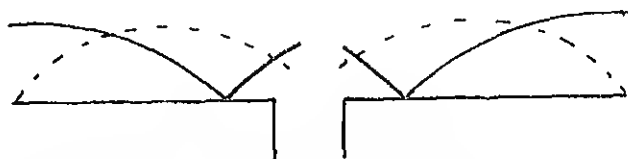
the center of the antenna has a voltage standing wave

that is $\frac{\text{maximum}}{\text{minimum}}$ and a current standing wave

that is $\frac{\text{minimum}}{\text{maximum}}$.

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| <p>half-wave dipole antenna at resonance.</p> |  |
| <p>voltage</p>  | <p>12. The electrostatic field, or E-field, is formed in the plane that is <u>perpendicular</u> to the plane of the antenna.</p> |
| <p>parallel</p> | <p>13. State the plane of distribution of H-lines of a half-wave dipole antenna.</p> |
| <p>perpendicular to the plane of the antenna.</p> | <p>14. At resonance, the voltage and current standing waves of the half-wave dipole antenna are 90° out of phase; however, if the frequency varies from the resonant frequency, the standing waves will shift their positions on the antenna, which causes the antenna to appear either longer or shorter electrically.</p> <p>This shift of the standing waves causes the effect presented by the antenna to change its impedance.</p> |

creased slightly above resonance, which causes the voltage standing wave to shift toward the ends of antenna. The antenna now appears longer, and the load presented to the transmission line by the antenna will appear inductive and resistive.



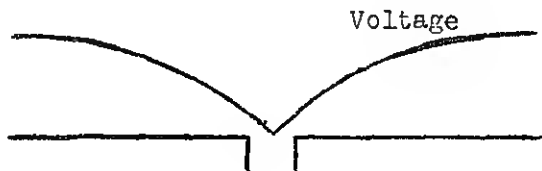
When the frequency increases slightly above resonance the loading effect will appear _____ and resistive.

ative

15. When the antenna appears inductive and resistive, frequency has _____ slightly from resonance.

ased

16. On the figure below, draw the current wave of the half-wave dipole antenna at resonance.



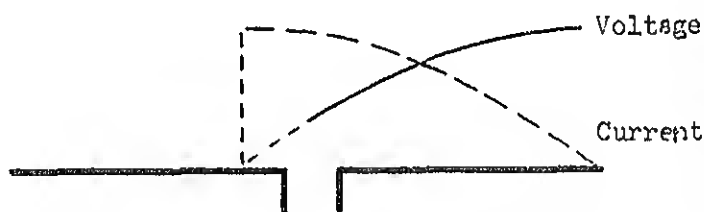
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17. State the plane of distribution of E-lines around half-wave dipole antenna.

The half-wave dipole antenna slightly above resonance has the voltage standing wave leading the current standing wave, and the load appears inductive and resistive.

When the frequency decreases slightly below resonance, the standing waves again shift their relationship.

This shift causes the current standing waves to lead the voltage standing wave. The antenna now appears shorter, and the load presented to the transmission line by the antenna will appear capacitive and resistive.



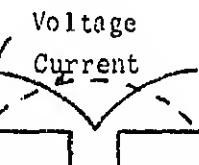
When the frequency decreases slightly below resonance, the loading effect appears _____ and resistive.

19. The antenna appears as a capacitive and resistive load when the frequency _____ from the resonant frequency.
increases/decreases

When the frequency increases slightly above resonance, the antenna load appears _____ and _____.

inductive
resistive

21. Draw the voltage standing wave and the current standing wave of a half-wave dipole at resonance in the diagram below.



22. When the frequency decreases slightly below resonance, the antenna will appear as a _____ and _____ load.

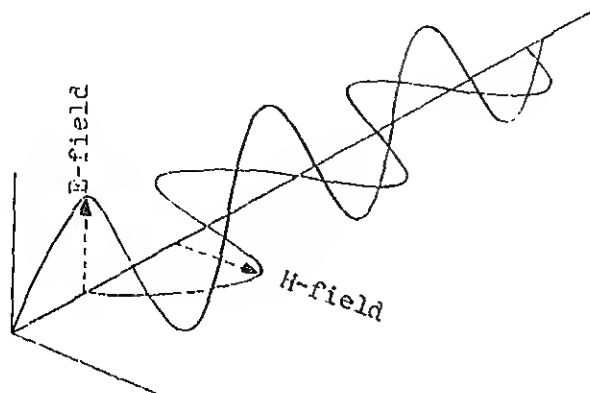
capacitive
resistive

23. State the type of load presented to the transmission line by a half-wave dipole antenna when the antenna is operated above its resonant frequency.

The load appears inductive and resistive.

24. State the type of load presented to the transmission line by a half-wave dipole antenna when the antenna is operated below its resonant frequency.

The electric and magnetic fields are at right angles to each other in the space around the antenna.



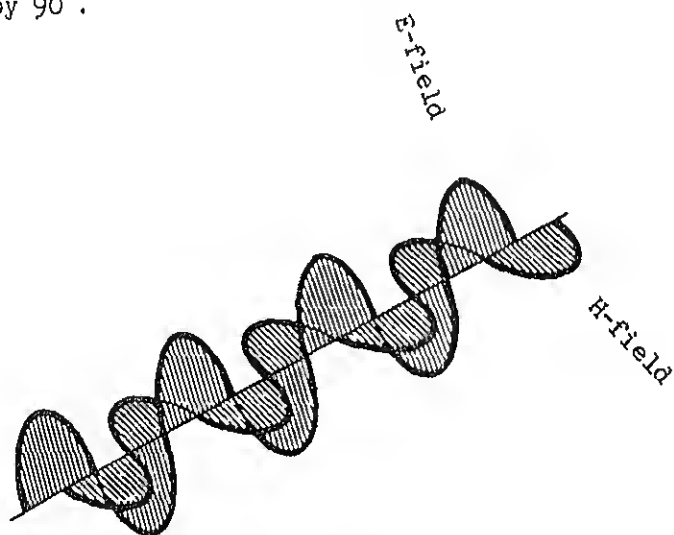
The magnetic field is composed of two components that are in phase in time.

The electric field is composed of three components that are not in the same time phase.

Because of the relationship of the components of the two fields, there are two separate electromagnetic fields produced. These electromagnetic fields are of prime importance to the operation of an antenna and are called the induction field and the radiation field.

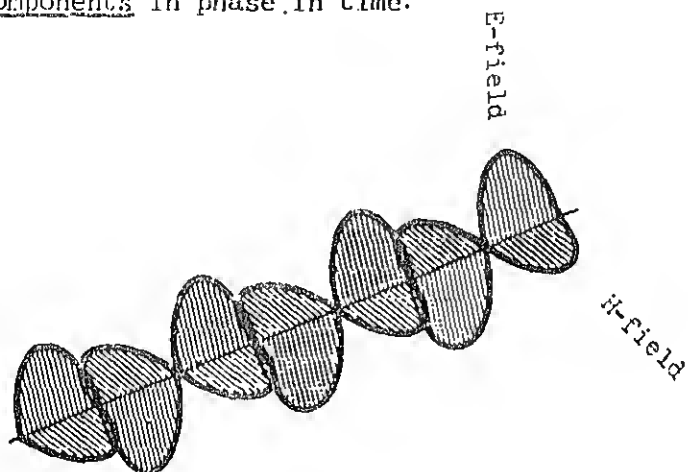
and the magnetic field; however, the components of the fields are out of phase in time. The induction field may be disregarded except in the immediate vicinity of the antenna. It has no part in the transmission of the electromagnetic wave.

In the figure below, the phase relationship is shown with the electric and magnetic fields at right angles to each other with the components displaced in time by 90° .



The field that is in the immediate vicinity of the antenna and has no part in the transmission of the electromagnetic wave is the _____ field.

the fields are in phase in time. In the figure below, the electric field and the magnetic field are shown at right angles to each other with the components in phase in time.



The radiation field contains energy referred to as the electromagnetic wave, and this is the energy that is transmitted or received by the antenna.

Energy that escapes from the antenna is self-propagating and needs no medium, such as air, to travel through. It travels at a speed that approaches the speed of light.

The field that is referred to as the electromagnetic wave and is transmitted or received by the antenna is called the _____ field.

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| ____ (1) Induction field. | a. The electric field that perpendicular to the antenna. |
| ____ (2) Radiation field. | b. The electric and the magnetic field in the immediate vicinity of the antenna. c. The field that increases strength as distance increases. d. The field that is transmitted or received the antenna and is referred to as an electromagnetic wave. |

- b. 28. Even though the induction field and the radiation
d. field are present at the same time, it is possible to
compute the field powers separately.

The INDUCTION FIELD is composed of the electric field
and the magnetic field with the components out of phase,
and field strength varies inversely with the square of the distance.

In the INDUCTION FIELD, the strengths of the electric
and magnetic fields vary inversely with the square of
the distance from the antenna; therefore, $E = \frac{1}{d^2}$
and $H = \frac{1}{d^2}$, where E = electrostatic field,
etc field, and d = distance.

d = distance.

Select the formula used to compute the power of the induction field.

a. $P = \frac{1}{d^2}.$

b. $P = \frac{1}{d}.$

c. $P = \frac{1}{d^4},$

d. $P = \frac{1}{d^3}.$

29. The formula for computing induction-field power is

a. $P = \frac{1}{d^4}.$

b. $P = \frac{1}{d^3}.$

c. $P = \frac{1}{d^2}.$

d. $P = \frac{1}{d}.$

30. The field that is transmitted or received by the antenna and is referred to as an electromagnetic wave is the induction/radiation field, while the field that is in the immediate vicinity of the antenna but has no effect on the radiated wave is the induction/radiation field.

the RADIATION FIELD are stated as $E = \frac{1}{d}$ and $H =$

The radiation-field power is the product of the electric and magnetic fields and is stated as

$$P = \frac{1}{d^2}.$$

Select the formula used to compute power of the radiation field.

a. $P = \frac{1}{d}.$

b. $P = \frac{1}{d^3}.$

c. $P = \frac{1}{d^4}.$

d. $P = \frac{1}{d^2}.$

32. The formula for computing radiation-field power

a. $P = \frac{1}{d^4}.$

b. $P = \frac{1}{d^3}.$

c. $P = \frac{1}{d^2}.$

d. $P = \frac{1}{d}.$

33. Which of the following formulas is used to compute the power of the induction field?

a. $P = \frac{1}{d^3}.$

b. $P = \frac{1}{d^4}.$

c. $P = \frac{1}{d}.$

d. $P = \frac{1}{d^2}.$

34. Match each field in column A with its description in column B.

A

_____ (1) Induction field.

_____ (2) Radiation field.

a. The field that increases strength as distance increases.

b. The electric field that is perpendicular to the antenna.

c. The field that is transmitted or received by the antenna and is referred to as an electromagnetic wave.

d. The electric and the magnetic field in the immediate vicinity of the antenna.

35. Which of the following formulas is used to compute the power of the radiation field?

a. $P = \frac{1}{d^2}.$

c. $P = \frac{1}{d}.$

$$b. \quad P = \frac{1}{d^4}.$$

$$c. \quad P = \frac{1}{d^2}.$$

$$d. \quad P = \frac{1}{d^3}.$$

37. Select the formula used to compute the power of radiation field.

$$a. \quad P = \frac{1}{d^2}.$$

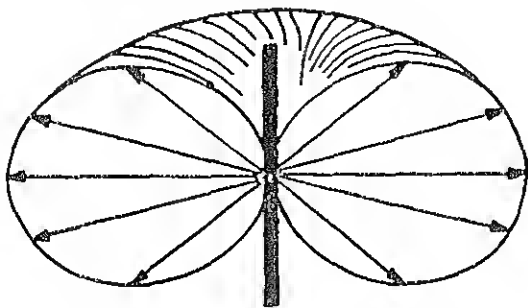
$$b. \quad P = \frac{1}{d}.$$

$$c. \quad P = \frac{1}{d^3}.$$

$$d. \quad P = \frac{1}{d^4}.$$

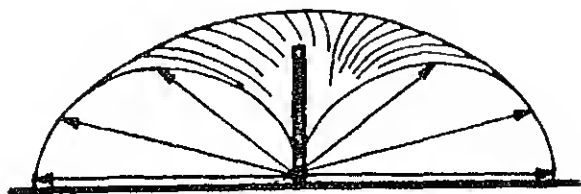
38. The radiation pattern of an antenna is determined by measuring the field strength at all points around the antenna at a constant distance and plotting the readings on a polar graph.

The figure below shows a cross-sectional view of the radiation pattern of a half-wave dipole antenna mounted vertically in free space.



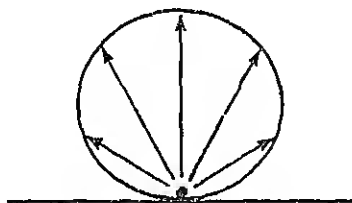
The radiated energy completely encircles the antenna and resembles a doughnut with the antenna in the center. At the ends of the antenna, a minimum amount of energy is radiated.

When the antenna is mounted vertically with one end terminated on the ground, the radiation pattern appears to resemble a doughnut cut in half, as shown below.

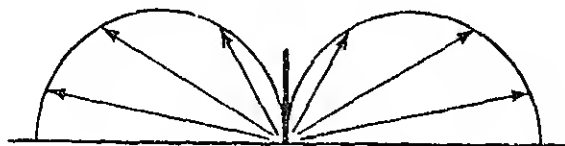


When a half-wave dipole antenna is vertically mounted the radiated energy encircles the antenna, and the ends of the antenna radiate energy.

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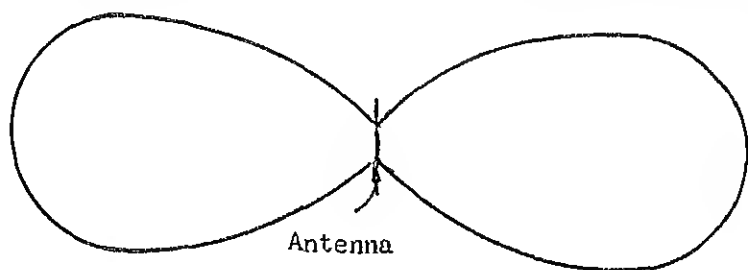


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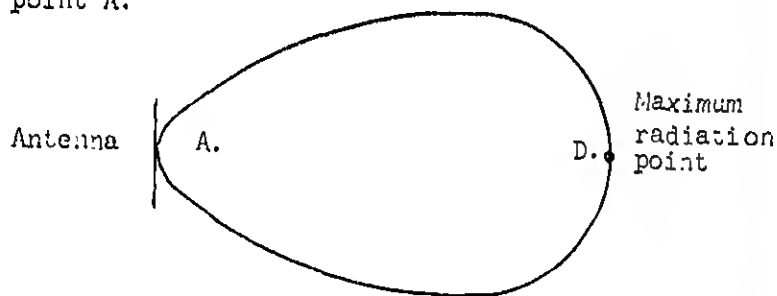


40. Energy radiated by an antenna other than a vertically mounted half-wave dipole antenna forms a radiation pattern that contains a beam angle, a maximum radiation point, and half-power points.

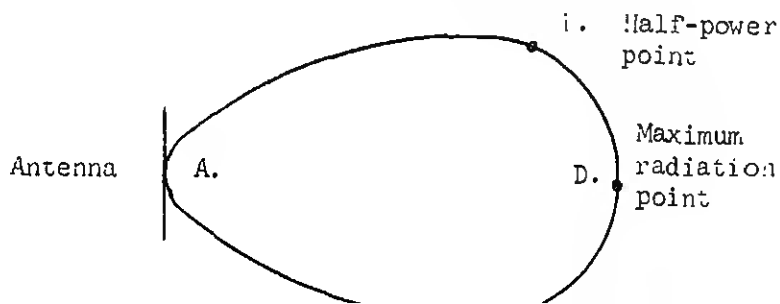
The pattern of a horizontally mounted half-wave dipole antenna as viewed from above is shown below.



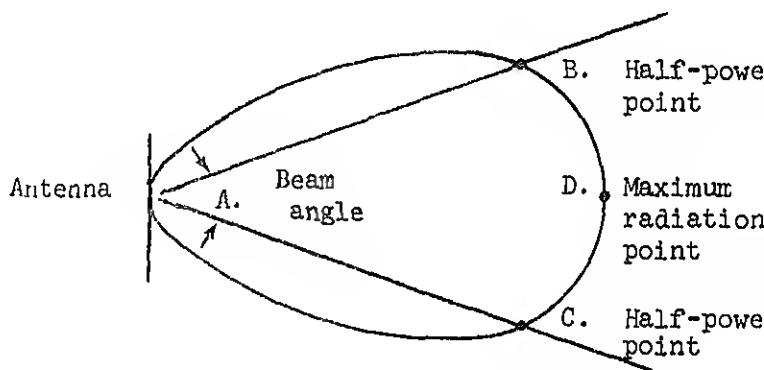
For simplification, only one-half of the pattern will be used. The maximum radiation point, point D, which is the point of the concentration of E-lines, is the point on the pattern directly opposite the antenna, point A.



The points on the radiation pattern where the energy is equal to 0.707 of the maximum energy are the half-power points. These are labeled as points E and C.

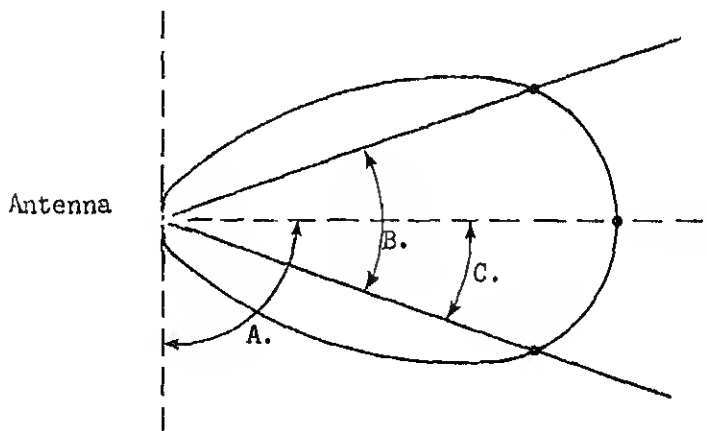


angle.

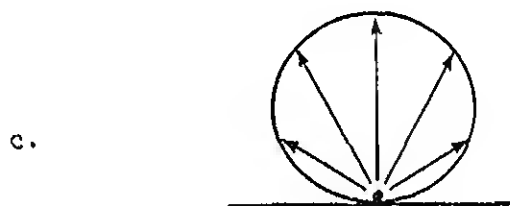


The energy at the point directly opposite the beam angle is $\frac{\text{maximum}}{\text{minimum}}$.

41. Select the angle below that is the beam angle.

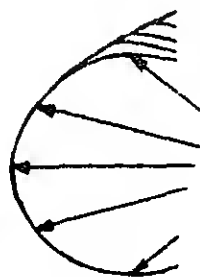


radiation pattern of a vertically mounted half-wave dipole antenna.



43. There are many types of radiation patterns. The three most widely used are the omnidirectional, the bidirectional, and the unidirectional patterns.

The radiation pattern of the vertically mounted half-wave dipole resembles a doughnut, as shown in the cross-sectional view below

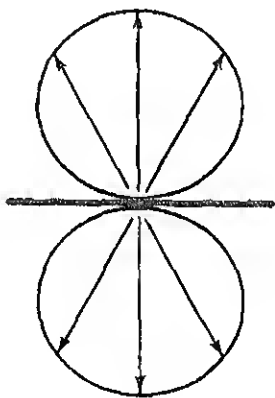


same in all directions from the antenna.

A vertically mounted half-wave dipole radiates
_____ pattern.

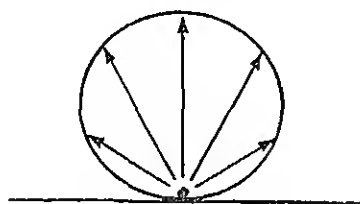
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44. To obtain bidirectional characteristics, a half-wave dipole antenna is mounted in the horizontal plane. Viewed from above, the radiation pattern appears as shown in the figure below. Maximum energy is radiated in two directions from the antenna.



A horizontally mounted half-wave dipole antenna
radiates a/an _____ pattern.

to use a reflector. The figure below shows the end view of the pattern that is radiated by a horizontally mounted half-wave dipole antenna at ground level. The ground acts as a reflector, and the energy is radiated in a vertical beam.



The three types of radiation patterns most widely used are the _____, the _____, and the _____.

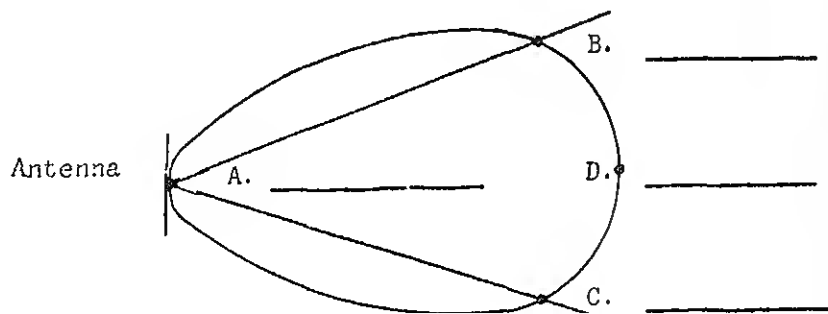
46. List three types of radiation patterns.

(1)

(2)

(3)

47. Label the beam angle, the half-power points, and the point of maximum radiation on the diagram of the radiation pattern below.



Half-power
point

radiation pattern of a vertically mounted half
dipole antenna.

Half-power
point

Maximum
radiation
point

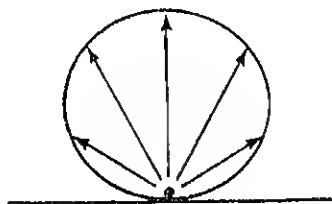
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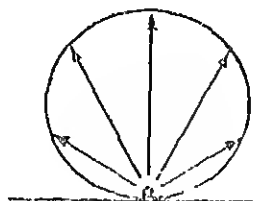


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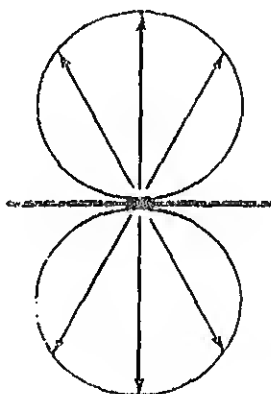
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- a. Bidirectional.
- b. Omnidirectional
- c. Vertically polarized.
- d. Unidirectional.

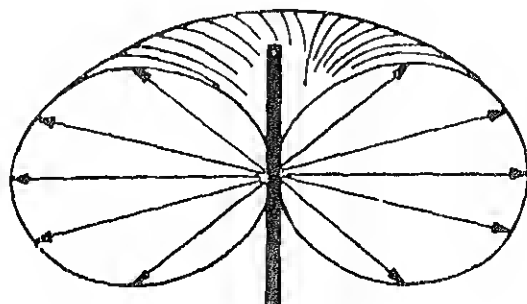
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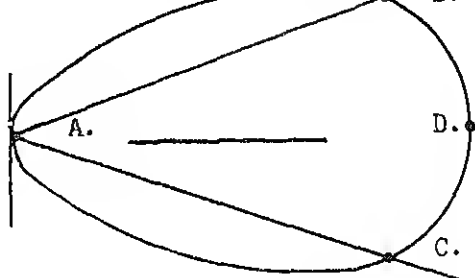
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Antenna



Beam angle

51. List three types of radiation patterns.

Half-power point

(1)

(2)

Half-power point

(3)

Maximum radiation point

uni-directional.

52. Antennas have power losses that must be replaced by the source. These losses are caused by the input resistance at the input of an antenna.

directional.

bidirectional.

The input impedance is a combination of two resistances--the resistance of the conductor and the radiation resistance. Radiation resistance is the amount of resistance required to dissipate the same amount of power that is actually radiated from the antenna.

When the half-wave dipole antenna is operated at its resonant frequency, it offers a purely resistive load of 73 ohms to the transmission line, which is the minimum input impedance.

Although radiation resistance accounts for the majority of the input impedance, the conductor also dissipates power because of the current flow through it. The length of the conductor and the type of material affect the resistance of the conductor.

Select the two resistances that determine the input impedance of an antenna.

- a. Conductor resistance.
- b. Resonant resistance.
- c. Radiation resistance.
- d. Capacitive reactance.

53. List the two resistances that determine the input impedance of an antenna.

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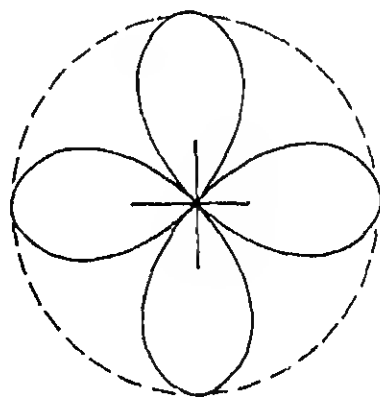
(2)

radiation
resistance.

the mounting of the antenna.

A vertical dipole radiates a vertically polarized wave. Most transmissions below 2 MHz are vertically polarized. TV and FM broadcasts normally use horizontally polarized antennas. To receive maximum signal, the transmitting and receiving antennas must have the same polarization. An antenna that is polarized in the same plane as the axis (direction of mounting of antenna) is said to be linearly polarized.

Circular polarization is produced by using two linearly polarized fields that are perpendicular to each other and have a 90° phase differential.



Polarization is defined as the orientation of the electric field _____

56. Which of the following resistances form the input impedance of an antenna?
- a. Radiation resistance.
 - b. Capacitive reactance.
 - c. Resonant resistance.
 - d. Conductor resistance.

57. Antenna gain, which is a figure of merit, is the ratio of the maximum power output in a given direction to the input power.

In antenna theory, GAIN is inverse to beam width. When the beam width increases, the power is dissipated over a larger area, and the gain decreases. For an antenna to obtain a large gain, the beam width is made as narrow as possible.

The gain of an antenna increases when the beam width is increased/decreased.

58. An increase in beam width causes antenna gain to increase/decrease.

orientation
the electric
field in the
direction of
radiation.

60. State the two resistances that combine to determine the input impedance of an antenna.

(1)

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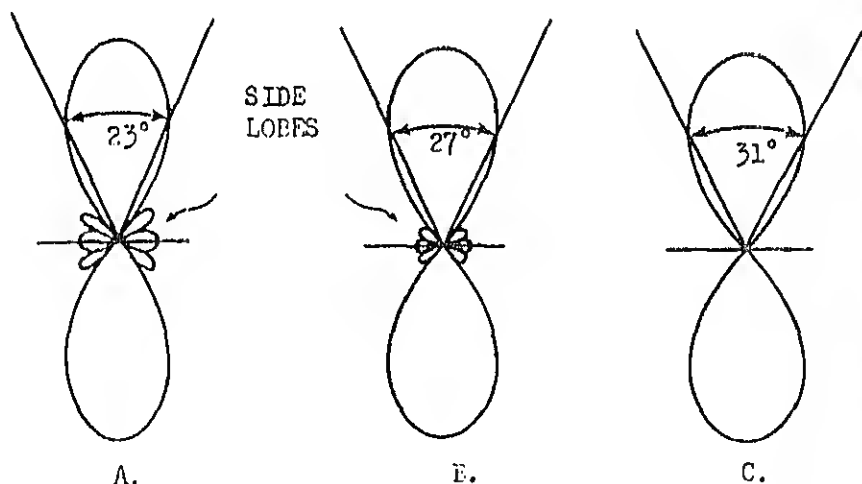
conductor
distance.

radiation
distance.

61. The bandwidth of an antenna is the band of frequencies that an antenna can respond to and radiate with maximum efficiency. The bandwidth determines proper operation and is influenced by several factors, some of which have already been discussed: radiation pattern, gain, polarization characteristics, and impedance characteristics. Another factor affecting bandwidth is the side-lobe level. The side lobe consists of radiated energy not contained in the main beam and is basically a low-power area of stray radiation constituting a loss of main beam power.

A change in the side-lobe level affects bandwidth just as a change in beam width affects gain. When the side lobes are reduced or eliminated, the beam width increases, which causes a decrease in gain.

In figure A below, the side lobes are large in size and the beam angle is 23° . In figure B, the side lobes have been reduced in size and their energy added to the radiation pattern, which causes the beam angle to increase. Figure C shows the radiation pattern with the side lobes eliminated. All the energy is radiated, but with a marked increase in the beam angle. This causes a loss in gain which affects the bandwidth.



List the five factors which affect bandwidth.

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)

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| <p>ode</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>(5)</p> | |
| <p>ion n.</p> <p>ization.</p> <p>nce.</p> <p>obe</p> | <p>63. A decrease in beam width causes antenna gain to</p> <hr/> |
| <p>se</p> | <p>64. Define polarization.</p> |
| <p>ientation e electric in the ion of ion.</p> | <p>65. Because the velocity of r-f energy in a conductor is different from that in free space, the electrical length and the physical length of the antenna may be different. There are three factors that affect the electrical length.</p> |

material with a dielectric constant greater than one decreases the velocity of the electromagnetic wave.

3. Size.

An increase in the circumference of the antenna is the same as an increase in the plate area of a capacitor. Both cause the capacitance to increase. This increase causes a decrease in the velocity of the electromagnetic wave.

4. End effect.

Objects of metal or dielectric material near an antenna will also cause a change in velocity of the electromagnetic wave, owing to the stray capacitance caused by these objects. This stray capacitance is called END EFFECT, because the ends of the antenna are made farther apart electrically than physically.

The three factors that affect the electrical length of an antenna are:

(1)

(2)

(3)

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| <p>Conductor material.</p> <p>Conductor size.</p> <p>End effect.</p> | <p>67. Select the factors that affect the bandwidth of an antenna.</p> <p>a. Radiation pattern.</p> <p>b. End effect.</p> <p>c. Gain.</p> <p>d. Impedance.</p> <p>e. Polarization.</p> <p>f. Side-lobe level.</p> |
| <p>a.</p> <p>c.</p> <p>d.</p> <p>e.</p> <p>f.</p> | <p>68. State the effect that a decrease in beamwidth has on the gain of an antenna.</p> |
| <p>Increases.</p> | <p>69. To compensate for end effect, it is necessary to shorten the antenna physically by 5 per cent.</p> <p>By physically shortening the antenna by 6 per cent, _____ is overcome.</p> |

circumference of the conductor, and its location relative to other objects of metal or dielectric material affecting the electrical _____ of an antenna.

72. List five factors affecting the bandwidth of an antenna.

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

73. The method used to compensate for end effect is _____ to shorten the antenna physically/electrically

5 per cent to 6 per cent.

74. List three factors that affect the electrical _____ of an antenna.

(1)

(2)

(3)

You have completed this program.
Review the objectives on pages i and ii.
If you do not completely understand an
objective, turn to the frame/s indicated
by the number/s in parentheses.

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Select the statement that describes a half-wave dipole antenna.

- a. The shortest antenna that will resonate in free space.
- b. The shortest physical antenna that requires a ground to operate.
- c. The longest antenna that will resonate in free space.
- d. The longest physical antenna that requires a ground to operate.

State the plane of distribution of H-lines around a half-wave dipole antenna.

State the plane of distribution of E-lines around a half-wave dipole antenna.

Draw the voltage standing wave and the current standing wave around a half-wave dipole antenna at resonance on the diagram below.



State the type of load presented to the transmission line by a half-wave dipole antenna when the antenna is operated slightly above the resonant frequency.

State the type of load presented to the transmission line by a half-wave dipole antenna when the antenna is operated slightly below the resonant frequency.

(2) Radiation field.

received by the antenna and referred to as an electromagnetic wave.

- b. The electric and the magnetic field in the immediate vicinity of the antenna.
- c. The field that increases in strength as distance increases.
- d. The electric field that is perpendicular to the antenna.

Select the formula used to compute the power of the induction field.

- a. $P = \frac{1}{d}$.
- b. $P = \frac{1}{d^2}$.
- c. $P = \frac{1}{d^3}$.
- d. $P = \frac{1}{d^4}$.

Select the formula used to compute the power of the radiation field.

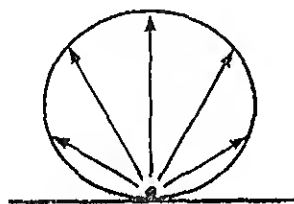
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the diagram that represents the radiation pattern of a
 ally mounted half-wave dipole antenna.

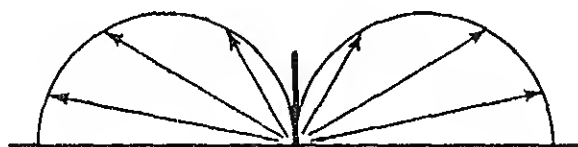
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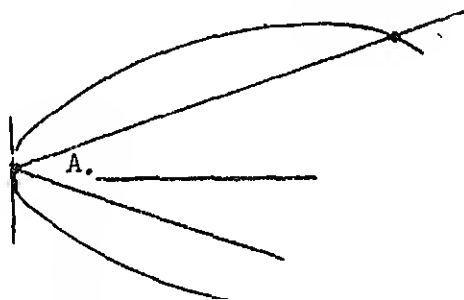


c.



the beam angle, the half-power points, and the point of
 um radiation on the radiation pattern shown below.

Antenna



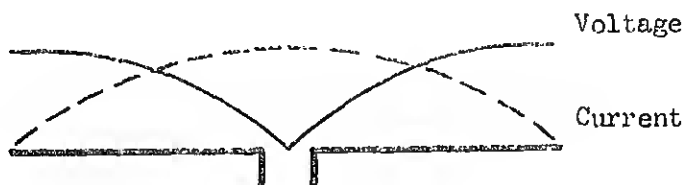
13. State the two resistances that combine to determine the impedance of an antenna.
14. Define polarization.
15. State the effect that a decrease in beam width has on the antenna.
16. List five factors affecting the bandwidth of an antenna.
 - (1)
 - (2)
 - (3)
 - (4)
 - (5)
17. List three factors that affect the electrical length of an antenna.
 - (1)
 - (2)
 - (3)
18. State the method used to compensate for end effect.

1-3--Theory of Antennas

a.

Perpendicular to the antenna.

Parallel to the antenna.



The load appears inductive and resistive.

The load appears capacitive and resistive.

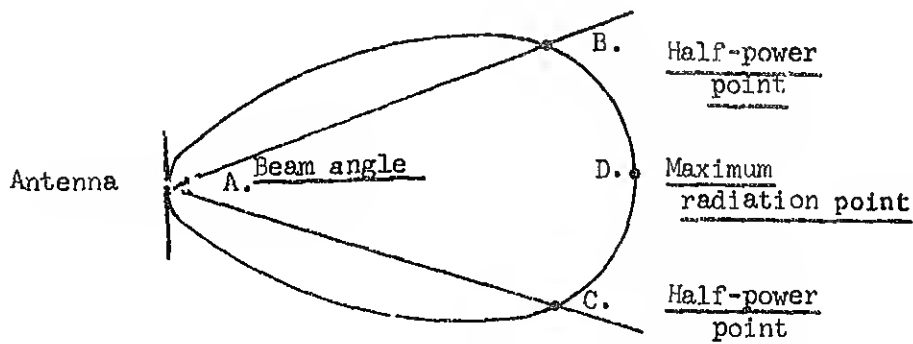
(1) b.

(2) a.

d.

b.

c.



Conductor resistance.

Radiation resistance.

The orientation of the electric field in the direction of radiation.

Increases.

Radiation pattern.

Gain.

Polarization.

Impedance.

Side-lobe level.

Conductor material.

Conductor size.

End effect.

Make the antenna physically 5 per cent to 6 per cent shorter.

